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Governor Rell Unveils Homeland Security Vehicles

34 Municipal, State and Regional Agencies To Receive 'Prime Movers'

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that 34 municipal, state and regional agencies dedicated to providing emergency services will be receiving specialized equipment to protect the public.

At the ceremony at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, the Governor turned over the keys for the first group of specialized vehicles known as 'prime movers.' The 'prime movers' are designed to tow decontamination trailers in the event of a mass emergency or disaster in Connecticut.

"Today marks another step in providing first responders with the support they need to get the job done," Governor Rell said. "From Greenwich to Stafford and from Sharon to New London, these 'prime mover' trucks will be delivered to fire departments serving 34 municipalities, state and regional agencies.

"Connecticut can become a national leader in preparedness. To get there, our first responders must have top-notch training and top-notch equipment.

"Collaboration, cooperation and partnerships are so important in our collective effort to keep Connecticut residents safe and secure. Our mission is to be aggressive and responsive in our communication with federal homeland security and local emergency officials.

"The vehicles are specially equipped to tow the decontamination trailers being provided to these towns and agencies. The trailers, however, can also serve as mobile command centers for fire and police operations and they are equipped to carry the wide range of supplies and equipment that are needed on the scene of an emergency."

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The ‘prime movers’ and the decontamination trailers were purchased with funding from the federal government. The prime movers are valued at \$138,000 each. The decontamination trailers are valued at approximately \$125,000 each. The vehicles will be delivered to the 34 entities over the next several months.

Following is the list of municipalities, state and regional agencies receiving ‘prime movers’ for their decontamination trailers.

Municipality/Region	Agency
City of Waterbury	Fire Department
Town of Greenwich	Fire Department
City of New London	Fire Department
City of Stamford	Fire Department
City of Bridgeport	Fire Department
City of Hartford	East Hartford Fire Department
City of New Haven	Fire Department
City of Danbury	Fire Department
City of Torrington	Fire Department
City of Norwalk	Fire Department
City of New Britain	Fire Department
City of Derby	Fire Department
Town of Sharon	Fire Department
City of Meriden	Fire Department
City of Middletown	Fire Department
Town of Windham	Willimantic Fire Department
Town of Vernon	Fire Department
City of Milford	Fire Department
City of Bristol	Fire Department
Town of Manchester	Fire Department
Town of Southington	Fire Department
Town of Stafford	Fire Department
Regional Agencies	
Northeastern Hazmat	TBD
CT Eastern Region Hazmat	Norwich Fire Department
New Haven Area Hazmat	Guilford Fire Department
Capitol Region Hazmat	West Hartford Fire Department
Fairfield County Hazmat	Easton Fire Department
Northwest Hazmat	Water Witch Hose Co., New Milford
State/Quasi Public Agencies	Department
Department of Environmental Protection	Oil and Chemical Spill Response Unit
Bradley International Airport	Bradley Airport Fire Department
UConn Storrs	UConn Fire Department
UConn Health Center	UConn Health Center Fire Department
Tribal Nations	Agency
Mashentucket Pequot	Fire Department
Mohegan	Fire Department